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Dear Sirs:

Microsoft has a virtual monopoly on the PC operating system market, as well as the integrated Office software suite and the internet related software. The only effective resolution for the current case is a settlement that requires that Microsoft make the intellectual property for the API code available to developers / companies, so that these other enterprises can have a fair opportunity to develop products that can interface with the Windows operating system and compete with the entrenched products that Microsoft produces. The consumer can then be the judge, to determine if Microsoft really produces a better product, or if another company offers a similar product at a better price, or a better product at a similar price.

Thank you for your consideration.

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